Kanker districts. In Durg district, private land (11 Kms) and Government land (4 Kms) have been acquired. For this segment, Stage I clearance for acquisition of forestland has been received from the Ministry of Environment & Forests and necessary action has been initiated for obtaining Stage II clearance.

(d) The latest estimated cost of construction of Dalli-Rajhara-Rowghat new line is approx. Rs. 700 crore and the estimated cost of Rowghat-Jagdalpur segment as per 2004-05 price level is Rs. 664.31 crore.

(e) Construction of Dalli-Rajhara-Rowghat new line is likely to be completed by December, 2013. No target date of completion of Rowghat-Jagdalpur segment has yet been fixed.

Recruitment in RPSF

†2129. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of constables to be recruited in Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that the written examination for the post of constables in (RPSF) have been postponed twice, so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps being taken by Government for recruitment of constables promptly in RPSF to provide safe rail journey to railway passengers; and

(e) by when the process of recruitment of constables in RPSF would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The number of vacancies in the rank of constables in RPSF for the purpose of recruitment are worked out by adding the existing vacancies in the rank of constables to the existing vacancies in the ranks of Head Constable, Assistant sub-Inspector, Sub-Inspector (50% of vacancies meant for promottee quota as 50% of posts in the rank of Sub Inspector is filled through Direct recruitment) and Inspectors At present, there are around 600 vacancies of constables in RPSF.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The written examination for the post of constables in RPF/RPSF being conducted by Northern Railway/RPF at No. 9BN/RPSF/ Jagadhari (Haryana) was postponed twice first in May 2008 due to Gujjar agitation and secondly in June 2008 due to heavy rains in Jagadhari and adjoining areas thereby leaving the venue water logged. The written examination has now been conducted on 10.11.2008.

(d) The recruitment to fill up the vacant posts of Constable is taken up from time to time. The recruitment being conducted by the most of zonal /RPFs for the vacancies (worked out earlier upto 31/12/2008) of RPF as well as RPSF has already been finalized and efforts are underway to complete the recruitment through remaining zones at the earliest. RPSF is special wing of RPF and assists RPF in maintenance of smooth rail operation.

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(e) The recruitment is a continuous process and no definite time frame may be set to fill up all the vacancies in RPSF that arise from time to time by way of various reasons like retirement, resignation, death, transfer to zonal/RPF etc.

Construction of flyovers for running of local trains from Churchgate to Thane

†2130. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some trains running from Chhatrapatti Shivaji Terminal of Central Railway in Mumbai are being run upto Borivali station of Western Railway;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to build flyover between lower Parel, Dadar or Matunga station for running local trains from Churchgate station of Western Railway to Thane;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. One daily Electric Multiple Unit service is presently running between Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji (Terminus) of Central Railway in Mumbai to Borivali in Western Railway, departing Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji (Terminus) at 20.45 hrs. and arriving Borivali at 21.53 hrs.

(b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present for suburban trains.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No proposal has been received from State Government.

Test of ACD in North-East Frontier Railway

†2131. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have successfully conducted the trial of Anti Collision Device (ACD) in North-East Frontier Railways;

(b) whether Railways have decided to install this equipment in the entire country;

(c) if so, the details with regard to the cost thereof;

(d) by when it would be installed in the entire country; and

(e) whether this equipment has been manufactured within the country or it would be imported from other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Anti Collision Device (ACD) is operational on North - East Frontier Railway (NFR). This pilot project has yielded encouraging results. The associated problems are being analyzed and solved.

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